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Application No. 09/879,814

Art Unit 1653

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For A PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION AND/OR ISOLATION OF PLASMA PROTEINS
BY MEANS OF ANNULAR CHROMATOGRAPHY

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The instant paper, transmitted by facsimile, responds to the Office Action mailed October 2,
2002.IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 27-37 and add the following claims.

38. A process for the separation and/or isolation of human plasma proteins, from blood plasma or a mixture containing virus-inactivated plasma proteins, wherein

- blood plasma or said mixture is applied to a separation medium having an annular design and having a layer of application medium of spherical particles with a hydrophobic surface applied thereon;

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